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BPIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Frank Portugal

Appl. No.: 09/027,089

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For: Method for Identifying Species of
Shigella and *E. coli* Using Operon
Sequence Analysis

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: J. Souaya

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signed: Frank Portugal

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION PAPER NO. 17

The Applicant is responding to the Office Action dated April 20, 2001, and respectfully requests reconsideration. The application is then conditioned for allowance.

Request for Three Month Extension of Time

Applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of April 20, 2001. A payment form to cover the extension fee is enclosed. The period for response is therefore extended up to October 22, 2001, the next business day after October 20, 2001. Any additional fees can be taken from the attached additional payment form.

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